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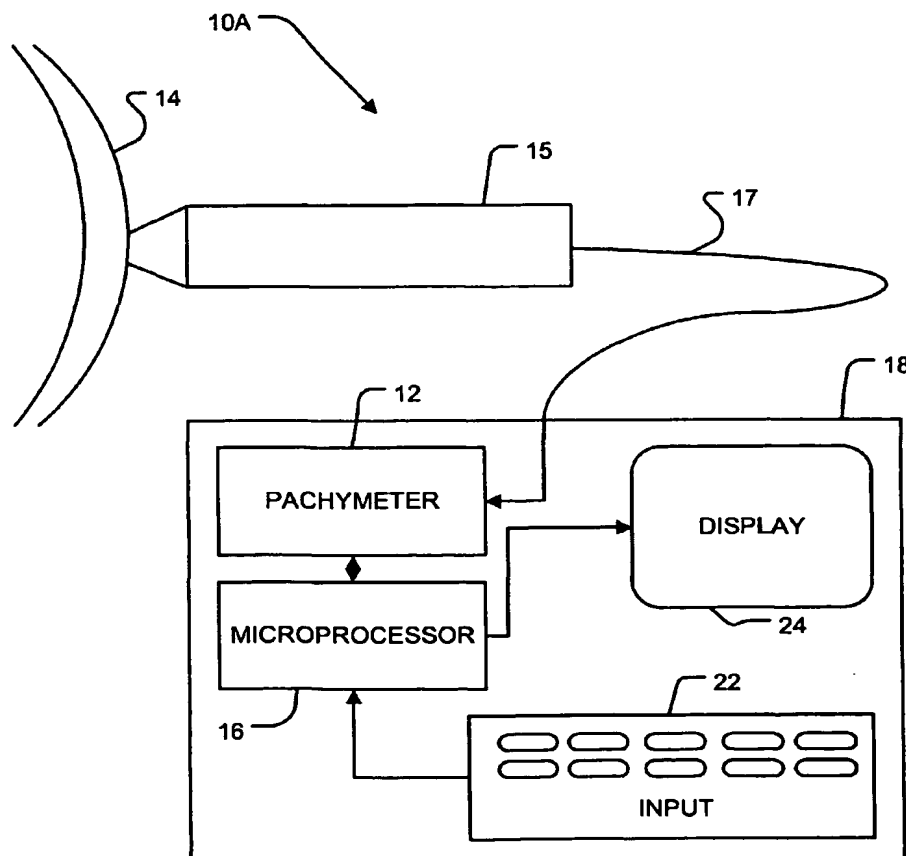
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(57) Abstract: A pachymeter apparatus for measuring corneal thickness is configured for the calculation of intraocular pressure ("IOP"). The apparatus includes a pachymeter (12) for measuring corneal thickness as well as a microprocessor (16) and a user interface (22). A reading of IOP from a tonometer can be entered into the device and corrected according to the pachymeter reading of corneal thickness. Correction algorithms are user selectable and user customizable. A pachymeter may have a graphical display (24) which displays multiple locations at which measurements are to be taken. A pachymeter may use a capacitor (52) charged by a variable current supply (54) to measure times for signals to be reflected from a back side of a cornea.

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1. claims: 1-9

A device for determining corrected intraocular pressure comprising a corneal pachymeter, an input device for receiving a tonometer reading and a microprocessor configured to modify said tonometer reading based on the corneal thickness data.

2. claims: 12-13

A device for measuring thickness of a layer comprising an ultrasonic transducer and a timing circuit with a capacitor and a charging circuit to charge the capacitor at a rate which decreases with time.

3. claims: 10,11,14-15

A pachymeter and a pachymeter combined with a tonometer, the pachymeter comprising a display with a graphical representation of an eye marked with indicia to indicate the location at which pachymeter measurements ought to be taken.
